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### LITTLE AH HO'S TORTURERS

Commissioner Robinson Hears Evidence as To Keeping Her in Slavery.

Before United States Commissioner Robinson yesterday Ng Mon War and his wife were put under bonds to appear before the United States Court or Grand Jury and answer to the charge of holding in slavery little Ah Ho, otherwise named Sui Ma Kwai.

The details of the story of the brutality of Ng Mon War and his wife to the unfortunate child have been full told in the Advertiser. The sworn evidence yesterday bore out fully the allegations made against the couple.

It was shown that the pair had misused the girl, had overworked and underfed her, had beaten her cruelly and had treated her daily as a chattel—a thing without feelings and without rights.

Some days ago the Honolulu Protective Society was organized by forty representative citizens of this city. Its objects were stated to be the securing of laws for the moral welfare of Honolulu the protection of children and the furthering of the general good of the community.

Before the newly-organized society Rev. William Kincaid, pastor of the Central Union church, brought the case of Ah Ho.

He said that it had been told him a Chinese child was held in slavery by a Chinese family living on Nuuanu avenue near Vineyard street and that she was being beaten and otherwise abused. Mr. Kincaid thought that this was an excellent opportunity for the society to initiate its work. A committee was appointed to look into the matter and within a few hours Ah Ho had been rescued from the den and taken to a comfortable home in Kawaiahao Seminary. She was found to be covered with bruises and with one of her hands either sprained or the bones broken from the blows of a bludgeon wielded by the wife of Ng Mon War.

United States Attorney Baird was quick to act in the matter. He read the story in the Advertiser and straightway sought his authorities. He discovered in the United States statutes a well-defined law forbidding the holding in slavery of anyone and Mr. Baird lost no time in filing a complaint. The following was the text of the complaint:

The United States of America, Territory of Hawaii, ss.

Before the United States Commissioner for the District of Hawaii.  
The United States of America vs. Ng Mon War and Ah Ming.

On the 23d day of November, A. D. 1900, in the District of the Territory of Hawaii, before me, a Commissioner of the District Court of the United States in and for the District of Hawaii, comes Daniel A. Ray, and upon his oath complains and says that he has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does verily believe, that Ng Mon War and Ah Ming, late of the said district, on or about the 20th day of November, A. D. 1900, and in the said district, unlawfully, knowingly, wilfully and feloniously did hold to involuntary servitude one Ah Ho, aged thirteen (13) years, the said Ah Ho being then and there a Chinese person who had theretofore unlawfully, knowingly, wilfully and feloniously been sold into a condition of involuntary servitude by a person or persons to complainant unknown, they, the said Ng Mon War and Ah Ming, then and there well knowing that the said Ah Ho had been theretofore unlawfully, knowingly, wilfully and feloniously sold and held for involuntary servitude, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 23rd day of November, A. D. 1900. W. J. ROBINSON, United States Commissioner of the District of the Territory of Hawaii.

Immediately a warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Ng Mon War and his wife and they were taken into custody. Later they were released under bonds of \$2,500 each. The woman was also arrested by the police and charged with assault and battery on Ah Ho. Her case is to be heard in police court this morning.

Yesterday afternoon before United States Commissioner Robinson in the Federal court room the case against the man and his wife for making a slave of Ah Ho was heard. The hearing was set for 1:30 o'clock, but it was nearly an hour later when the case began.

Ng Mon War and his wife were there long before the time agreed on. The man, who is clerk in a law office, is very unprepossessing in appearance and has the reputation of being very cunning. It was he who led the fight against the Bow Wong Wui and he is bitterly hated by most of the self-respecting Chinese of Hawaii. Ng Mon War wears the white man's clothes but keeps his queue hidden under his American hat. Ah Ming or Ah Keauo, his wife, is young and not unhandsome from a Chinese standpoint. She was born here, educated, it is said, at Kawaiahao Seminary and wears a holoku. She has a dissatisfied and cross look.

In the Federal court room besides Ng Mon War, his wife, Ah Ho and Commissioner Robinson were United States Attorney Baird for the prosecution, United States Marshal Ray, Deputy Marshal Hendry, Paul Neumann, counsel for the prisoners, Mrs. Margaret West, a witness, and some ladies from Kawaiahao Seminary. One of these, Miss Alice Kong, was offered as a Chinese interpreter, but Attorney Neumann said he wanted none connected with that institution. So the official interpreter of the Circuit Court was brought in.

The former slave, Ah Ho, took the

stand and was sworn. She said she understood the nature of an oath and would tell the truth. Seated in the big wicker chair her timidity was made more apparent. Though she says she is 12 years old, she is not bigger than the ordinary girl of 8 and the body is thin and her face sad in expression.

In answer to many questions put by United States Attorney Baird, she said that she was named in China, Sui Ma Kwai, but was called Ah Ho here. She had come to Hawaii two years ago. A man named Chun So brought her here. She had not known Chun So in China and he was dead now.

She was living with her father and mother, her little brother and older sister in an humble home when this man Chun So appeared on the scene and bought her from her mother. What the price paid for her was she did not know.

"My mother is poor," said Ah Ho, when asked why she was bartered to a stranger.

She said that she was told that Lun Kau had written from Honolulu to Chun So to bring him a female slave and she parted with her parents, kissed her little brother and embraced her sister for the last time and then departed for the foreign land.

Here she was delivered over to Lun Kau by Chun So and with the former she lived a year as a slave. When Lun Kau went to China, she said, she was sold to Ng Mon War's wife. Never before had she seen Ng Mon War or his wife till the day they came to Lun Kau's and took her away.

Ah Keauo had informed her that she had bought her and Lun Kau's wife said so also. Mr. Baird brought out the foregoing through the interpreter by much questioning.

Then he asked her, "Do you want to go back to live with Mon War and his wife?"

"No," said Ah Ho, as she tried to hide from the angry eyes of her former master and mistress. "I was forced to work all the time. I had the cooking, washing, ironing, the scrubbing of the floors, the care of the baby and other things."

"Did you do this work voluntarily or involuntarily?"

"I was ordered every day," was the child's reply.

She had never gotten a cent of pay. Asked why, she looked surprised.

"Why," she replied, "I was bought."

She could not explain what the word slave meant. All she knew in that direction was that she had been bought by Ng Mon War and his wife.

"Ah Keauo often said to me that she owned me. She said she had bought me to work. Ah Keauo said her money had been paid for me."

"Ah Keauo whipped me most. Sometimes Ng Mon War beat me. Ah Keauo used a piece of firewood. Sometimes they told me to do some kind of work I could not, and then I was beaten. She struck me on the hands, on the feet, on the head and all over. Sometimes she stripped me naked and beat me with the log of wood. I bled sometimes. I had to carry the child on my back and do all the work."

Ah Ho was never permitted to go out of the yard. For her there were no minutes of play or relaxation. She had never been to school in her lifetime. All her hours were filled with drudgery and blows. Generally she ate the leavings of the pair of brutes who abused her. No children were allowed to come to talk to her. It was work and work from daybreak till sleep at night gave her surcease from misery. This had gone on for six months. Ah Ho talked to the interpreter in a low voice. Now and again she whispered her answers. Only a few feet away were the ugly Ng Mon War and his cruel wife, and little Ah Ho was not sure she might not have to go back to them again.

Attorney Neumann for the prisoners, cross-examined the child. He tried to be gruff and frighten her, but he evidently felt small interest in his job. He brought out more plainly the repeated statements of the wife, Ah Keauo, that she owned Ah Ho.

In reply to one of Mr. Neumann's questions, Ah Ho said, "Ah Keauo said two or three times that she had bought me; that she had bought me to work and NOT TO EAT."

Mrs. Margaret West was the one witness outside of the victim, called. Mrs. West said she lived at the corner of Nuuanu avenue and Vineyard street. Next door lived Ng Mon War. Mrs. West had never seen the man beat the child, but had "times without number" been compelled to see the woman assault the little one. Mrs. West said: "Ah Keauo used a stick of cordwood to beat Ah Ho. I remonstrated with her many times. She called me names in her own language, and ordered the child to shut up. Once, when I cried to her that I would call the police, she replied, 'What is this to you? She is mine.'"

When Mrs. West had finished, Attorney Neumann asked that the prisoners be discharged. "There has been no case against them proven," said Mr. Neumann.

United States Commissioner Robinson looked grave.

"In my opinion," he said, "the little girl's testimony proves her to have been treated as a slave by Ng Mon War and his wife. I will bind both of them over to answer before the next federal grand jury, or at the spring term of the United States District Court."

The bail was fixed at \$2,500 each. Little Ah Ho showed to those about her, her right hand, fearfully bruised, and to all appearance, with the thumb broken. She said that this injury had been inflicted by Ah Keauo some time ago, but no medicine had been applied to it.

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